

Greetings from the Mayor

Welcome to the Fortress Town

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Dear Visitors and Residents,

Thank you for visiting our redesigned home page! Here you can access important information, or simply take a minute to enjoy browsing our website.

It's hard to find another German town of comparable size where so many people of different languages and cultures live so peacefully alongside one another as they do in Germersheim. Therefore, it's only natural that we also continue to foster friendly relationships with towns in other countries, including our twinned partners, Tournus, in France's Burgundy region (since 1963) and Zalaszentgrót, Hungary (since 2005). Germersheim, "city of languages," with its around 22,000 inhabitants, combines an easy-going atmosphere with a vibrant, almost Mediterranean *joie de vivre*.

From early education to the collegiate level, our town boasts a number of exemplary institutions. Among them is the Faculty of Translation Studies, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies (FTSK) of the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz. The school offers 12 languages to around 2,200 students – including approximately 800 international students – and is affiliated with over 100 partner universities across the globe, making it one of the largest and most well-known institutions for translation and interpreting worldwide.

Germersheim has evolved in many positive ways over the years, providing residents with a high standard of living and a wide variety of recreational opportunities. Both Germersheim's "Culture Summer" and "Culture and Museum Night" showcase the town's well-established arts and culture scene. Information on these and other notable events like the Special Bikes Show, the International Children's Festival or the Fortress Festival, along with many other events and attractions for tourists, are to be found on the website. We hope these helpful texts and accompanying images inspire you to take a closer look at the diverse recreational highlights we have to offer. Additionally, our website features fascinating information about the history of our fortress town of Germersheim.

We also provide assistance to visitors and residents, offering personalized tips and suggestions at either the new Tourism, Cultural, and Visitor Centre at the Weissenburg Gate or at the town hall – just to name a few of our many public services.

I hope you enjoy exploring our website and I look forward to seeing you in Germersheim soon.

Sincerely,

Marcus Schaile | Mayor of Germersheim